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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 046700-5004-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Marc ALAIA, <i>et al.</i>	)	
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Application No.: To be assigned	)	Group Art Unit: To be assigned
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	
CONTROLLING THE INITIATION	)	
AND DURATION OF OVERTIME	)	
INTERVALS IN ELECTRONIC	)	
AUCTIONS (As Amended)	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**


Please amend the title to read as follows:

--METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING THE INITIATION AND DURATION OF  
OVERTIME INTERVALS IN ELECTRONIC AUCTIONS--.

Respectfully submitted,  
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